

## Macomb Historical Homes

### 1 1314 East Wheeler Street

#### Pleasant Hill School

Built 1855

Current proprietor - Ben Isslhardt

This one-room schoolhouse was originally built in Macomb Township SW quarter of section 23, in 1855. The land was donated by George J. Booth, one of the school directors. The school was also known as Switzer School, as it was originally surrounded by Switzer family land. Ray Raymond purchased the building at auction for \$740.00 and relocated the schoolhouse to 1314 Wheeler Street in March of 1947, at which time it became a residence.



*Macomb Historic Preservation Commission - 2019*

### 2 538 North Randolph Street

#### Insulhaus

Built 1902

Current proprietor - Karl and Dorothee Gossel

Lumberman Frank and Ida Blount built the original house in 1902. Ira and Anna O'Hara bought the house soon after and Ira served as Mayor of Macomb for one term before selling the house to Howard Deems and his wife who converted the second floor into an apartment. After a few changes in ownership, Karl and Dorothee Gossel; after moving to the United States from the German Island of Fehmarn, purchased the restored home with input from the original blueprints.



*Macomb Historic Preservation Commission - 2019*

### 3 336 South Lafayette Street

#### John and Lillie Keefer Home

Built 1881

Current proprietor - Allen and Patricia Nemeč

John Keefer, predominant businessman, owner of Keefer Drug Store, was appointed by Gov. Tanner as Trustee of WIU and chairman of the building and grounds committee. He served as Mayor of Macomb and founded the first baseball team in Macomb, the Excelsior's. His daughter Ruth (Lake Ruth), married Leroy Stocker (Stocker Jewelry) and lived in the home, which remained in the family 105 years. Owners Allen and Patricia Nemeč added the south wing in 2006.



*Macomb Historic Preservation Commission - 2020*

4 **402 South Lafayette Street**

**Louis and Rowena Rost Home**

Built 1911

Current proprietor - Jill Jolene Myers, Public Servant & Educator (2004)  
Louis Kost, a prominent businessman and owner of a paint and wallpaper business on the Macomb Square, built the home. He chose this Prairie Style architecture as it had just become fashionable in the Midwest at the end of the 19th century. The 1911 home complements the flat prairie landscape and appears to grow out of the ground, with its shake shingles, low pitched, overhanging hipped or gable roof, windows set in groups, and strong horizontal lines with massive porch supports. Much of the original decorating features remain today including the tin ceiling, stained glass windows, and corniced ceilings.



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5 **630 East Adams Street**

**Cordy Tindell (C. T.) Vivian Homesite**

Occupied 1930

Property owner - Joseph Daniels Jr. Lif Est

Born July 30, 1924 in Booneville Missouri, to Robert Cordie and Euzetta Tindell. In 1930, C.T., his mother and grandmother migrated to Macomb, Illinois. C.T. attended and graduated from Macomb schools in 1942. He attended Western Illinois University where he was sports editor and athlete. After graduation he moved to Peoria and worked at the Carver Center as Director. Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian would go on to be an integral part of the Civil Rights Movement and a Lieutenant of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

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6 **314 West Carroll Street**

**Judge Jonathan H. Baker and Paul Banach Home**

Built 1855-1856

Current proprietor - Paul W. and Mary Banach

Named for its original owner, Judge Jonathan H. Baker, and its longest owner, Paul W.

Banach, this pre-Civil War Greek Revival house was considered a mansion when it was constructed by esteemed builder, Joseph M. Martin. In 1907, then owner attorney Don P. Pennywitt had the house significantly remodeled and moved northwest on the lot. Other prominent owners over the years include Mayor John M. Keefer, the merchant Henry P. Zahern, WIU President Walter P. Morgan, and Police Chief Earl Barclay, whose wife Peg, added many distinctive embellishments to the yard and interiors. Paul W. Banach, a Macomb firefighter and businessman, purchased the house in 1973, restoring and maintaining it as his home with his wife, Mary, for the past 47 years.



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7 **100 South Campbell Street**

**William S. and Dorothy Bailey Home**

Built 1888

Current proprietor - McDonough County Historic Preservation Society

William S. Bailey was founder and first president of the Union National Bank of Macomb, Illinois. An Eastlake style Victorian structure. Rolla Sullivan a local grocer, purchased the home in 1919. The house was raised, turned and moved to its present site in 1926 when the Standard Oil station was built.



*National Register of Historic Places - August 28, 2012*  
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